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SLUGS: WNINTEL AJAJA [] []

SUBJECT: ANDRE ((BENAYER)) AND POSSIBLE LEAD TO SYRIAN GENERAL
((WATFA))

REFS: A. [] (91 5320144)
B. [] (91 5278961)
C. [] (91 5230768)
D. [] (91 5208812)

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLS ADVISE HQS THINKING ON ANDRE
((BENAYER))'S LEAD TO SYRIAN GENERAL JAMIL NASIM ((WATFA)).

2. IN REF D WE REQUESTED HQS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN
PURSUING ANDRE BENAYER AND HIS LEAD TO SYRIAN GENERAL WATFA.
ON 23 AUGUST, DEA NICOSIA ADVISED US THAT BENAYER HAD CONTACTED
DEA NICOSIA ON SEPARATE BUSINESS AND THAT HE HAD USED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ASK WHETHER WE HAD ANY INTEREST IN HIS REF D
OFFER.

3. ALTHOUGH THE REF D OFFER IS INTRIGUING, WE FIND
BENAYER'S TIES TO DRUG DEALERS DISTURBING. HOWEVER, WE DO NOTE
THAT BENAYER HAS BEEN A DEA SOURCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT
DEA NICOSIA ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BENAYER'S OUTSTANDING ITALIAN
ARREST WARRANT IS A RESULT OF A FOUL-UP ON THEIR SIDE (BENAYER
HAD BEEN WORKING WITH DEA AT THE TIME). WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED
BY REFS A AND B WHICH PUT BENAYER IN A SUSPICIOUS LIGHT.
UNLESS HQS WANTS US TO PROCEED, WE PLAN TO ADVISE DEA NICOSIA
TO INFORM BENAYER THAT WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIS REF D
PROPOSAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

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